

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday May 16, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman  
Doug Mood, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel  
Utility Division

(180) In the matter of Qwest May 1, 2006 filed Tariff Transmittal 06-08, Grandfather the 911 CELLTRACE product. The hardware currently used to support CELLTRACE has become manufacture discontinued and the supplier will no longer provide replacement parts or repair on non working parts. With this filing Qwest will grandfather and continue to provide CELLTRACE to existing customers for as long as it can obtain the parts to do so. This filing also supports the industry move to Phase II wireless 911. Qwest is requesting a June 1, 2006 effective date- Docket No. N2006.5.59:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 06-08 in Docket No. N2006.5.59. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(181) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of May 8, 2006. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan  
Legal Division

(182) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy December 2005 Electric Default Supply Procurement Plan- Docket No. N2005.12.172:

Commissioner Schneider moved that the hearing will be opened Wednesday, May 17 and will be

continued to the following Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(183) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PPL Montana Application for Continuation of Authority to Charge Market-Based Rates- Docket No. FERC-ER05-124:

Commissioner Molnar moved to instruct staff to file comments with FERC in this matter as indicated in staff's presentation. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Utility Division

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(184) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PSC rulemaking to implement SB 415, renewable energy standards- Docket No. L-06.2.1-RUL:

Commissioner Schneider moved to issue the notice of adoption with the amendment to Rule I and the typographical corrections. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

Legal Division

(185) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy 2005 Natural Gas Tracker- Docket No. D2005.5.87:

Commissioner Molnar moved to incorporate the changes that Commissioner Mood brought forward, and staff to distribute the final draft to the Commissioners to be finalized at a work session next week. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Schneider voted no.

APPEARANCE

Brad Molnar

Commissioner

(186) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Commissioner Molnar's roundtable proposal:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve proceeding with the symposium with details to be determined at a later date. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-1.

Commissioner Jergeson voted no.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator Utility Division  
Robin McHugh, Administrator Legal Division

(187) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state staff travel:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Gary Duncan's travel to the Western Conference in Jackson Hole, and to approve Al Brogan's travel as a placeholder dependent upon final determination. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGESON, Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, May 18, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman  
Doug Mood, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator Legal Division  
Mike Lee, Bryan Baldwin, and Candace Beery, Utility Division

(188) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of N2005.9.139 - MDU's 2005 Electric Integrated Resource Plan (IRP):

Commissioner Raney moved to hold with a public hearing for Docket No. N2005.9.139. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to direct Montana Dakota Utility to provide fundamental, essential, and comparative cost information for evaluating MDU's IRP filing. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tim Sweeney, Legal Division  
Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(189) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.3.39 – Qwest Corporation's objections to Staff Data Requests PSC-001 through PSC-008:

Commissioner Schneider move to defer action on 008c, 008d, 008e, and to overrule the objections to PSC-001(a), PSC-004(d), PSC-006(a), PSC-007(d), and PSC-008(a). Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier  
Assistant Commission Secretary

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